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GOING DUTCH

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County #164 TW leads a Ford Force tractor, with typical Dutch canvas covering, down the furrow

In April and May this year two separate events celebrated the Ford tractor and its derivatives in Holland, showing just what a big following the blue machines have in The Netherlands.

The first of these events was held on Saturday 23rd April when the Ford and Fordson Club Netherlands organised a ploughing day in Lopik, a place near Utrecht more or less in the middle of Holland.

The Dutch Ford and Fordson Club Netherlands aims to be a meeting place for all Ford and Fordson enthusiasts who want to share their hobby, knowledge and passion. Owners of all types of Ford and Fordsons are welcome, from the Fordson F to American models, as well as conversions based on Ford and Fordson tractors, such as County, Roadless, EVA, Matbro and Muir-Hill.

It was a very pleasant day for all participants and as if to emphasise the pleasant character of the club there were even some non-blue tractors present!

All participants had the chance to practise their ploughing capabilities and at the end of the day all the blue tractors ploughed after each other, like is often common in the UK. For Holland, I believe this was unique!

We were very pleased to have such a variety of tractors present, from a Fordson N to a Doe and from Majors to several Countys.

Superb Major complete with trailed plough



Roadless Ploughmaster based on the Super Major with a Dutch type weather cab



There cannot be that many Doe Triple D tractors in Holland



Ford 1186, a six cylinder conversion no doubt carried out by Belgian firm EVA to be sold through the Ford dealer network in several European countries



Not a common sight as the County 1164 TW was an export model based on the 1184 TW but with basic specification including an eight speed transmission and open operator platform



Ford 3000 ploughing away with wind turbine in the background. Turbines have replaced windmills in the Dutch countryside it seems!



Ford Force 4000 with front mudguards often seen in Europe and a much later Duncan Supercab - which suits it very well

Steel wheels all round add a touch of nostalgia to this Fordson Major as it opens up a corner of the ploughing field





The Perkins diesel engine sits snugly within the restrictions of the Fordson N

The second of the Dutch events was held on Saturday 21st May when no less than four clubs organised a Ford and Fordson day in the northern part of Holland. The clubs involved were the OTMV, LCN, Ford & Fordson Association and the Ford and Fordson Club Netherlands.

It was a huge success due to the high number of blue tractors, some of which were rather rare, and the great weather helped too. There were several County tractors as well as an EVA, Fordson F, Fordson N, petrol Dexta, petrol Major and Roadless Super Dexta just to mention a few.



What a line-up



EVA built 5095 towers over 4000 next to it



Beautifully restored Model F

The 5110 was not sold in the UK



Four wheel drive 8600 makes an imposing machine, but so does the 5000 next to it complete with large crane





An unusual colour scheme for a Major and the machine on the back looks quite frightening! Is it some type of potato harvester?



How about this for a conversion? A forward control Super Dextra complete with substantial coach-built cab and what looks like an oversize beer barrel on the rear



The American tractors from the fifties and sixties always stand out in a line-up with their distinctive styling and red and grey colour scheme. Here a couple of 8N and a 650 grace the row of otherwise blue machines



County 754 with a very substantial front linkage fitted and appearing to be a recent restoration judging by the condition of its tyres



The Ford 7810 needs no introduction but its not often you see two such superb machines as these Generation III tractors together, the standard blue version contrasting nicely with the Silver Jubilee special



Two members of the Force II range side by side, the 7710 is obviously used for row crop work while the TW-15 beside it is probably used for heavier work - both look in amazing condition

FUN FORCE

One of the main aims of the Blue Force Club is to have fun and enjoy our hobby - so this page is devoted to any funny mishaps, pictures or happenings to do with the Club, Ford and New Holland plus any conversions or machinery in general. Please send in anything you may have to the editorial address or email, and remember to keep your camera handy at all times to catch that special moment!



At your age George, don't you think you need one with a cab and a startermotor?



Gary Capp says: Phil and Pete enjoying a road run, cosying up in the back of the Dexta!



Peter heading for a spot of tasting - he was not much use for the rest of the day!



Phil tinkering with something at one of the shows - to be quite honest we are not at all sure what he is actually doing!



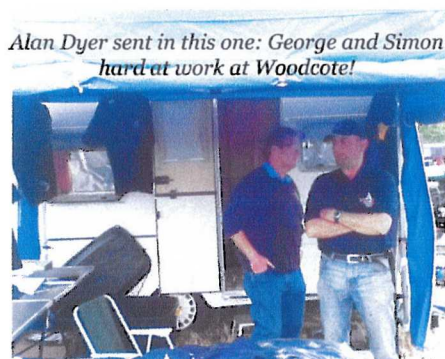
What a well worn and obviously much loved cap - it seems almost a crime to replace it, but we all know how persuasive the team who manage the merchandise stall can be!



Pascal Kolk saw this amazing collection of children's Ford pedal tractors at one of the Dutch gatherings featured in this magazine. We never knew there was so many!



Superbly detailed model wrecker on the stand at Pickering - good job Ford tractors never break down!



Alan Dyer sent in this one: George and Simon hard at work at Woodcote!



At Fawley Hill the vintage fish and chip van gave away these forks - so now we have Blue Force-blue forks! says Alan Dyer



If you get fed up people watching at a rally - just do a spot of manifold changing! For more details see Alan Dyer's report on page 36